

# **MINUTES**

## **Community Justice Council Executive Committee**

### **Meeting of:**

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

12:15pm-1:45pm

Location: Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 609

PRESENT: Paul Bargren, Joel Plant, Jeff Kremers, Kit McNally, Mike Hafemann, Tom Reed, John Chisholm, Mallory O'Brien, Edith Hudson, Kevin Nyklewicz, Amber Moreen, Héctor Colón, Terry Perry, Rob Henken, Tom Barrett, Nate Holton

### **DISCUSSED ITEMS:**

#### **I. Convene and Updates (*John Chisholm*)**

- Mallory O'Brien provided an update on the CJC Data Scorecard, a document that will be populated with data from various criminal justice agencies on a regular basis and will be presented to the Executive Committee at these monthly meetings. The scorecard is still in the developmental stage and it would be useful for the various agencies to provide feedback on their part of the scorecard to ensure that the data included is available and useful. The Committee discussed how their agencies generally have monthly data reports that already exist and that the scorecard could simply populate that agency's section with data from these reports.
- Tom Reed provided a review of the November 25<sup>th</sup> Public Health event that featured Joe McCannon. There was a good showing and a lot of ideas were raised as how to create a more coordinated response to public health and criminal justice issues that link different existing activities together in a strategic way. The event represents the beginning of a larger effort to generate effective collaboration.
- Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel Paul Bargren attended the meeting, introduced himself, and shared with the Committee his interest in collaborating with other system actors on the civil commitment issue. The Committee voted unanimously to add Paul Bargren to the Executive Committee.

#### **II. Approval of the Minutes (*John Chisholm*)**

- The Committee voted to approve the minutes.

#### **III. Outcome-Based Budgeting, Cost-Benefit Analysis, and Tracking Recidivism (*Rob Henken*)**

- Rob Henken led a discussion on outcome-based budgeting, an alternative method of budgeting that links strategic objectives to budgets and constructs budgets based on objectives rather than based on functions. Milwaukee County has taken some steps to transition to outcome-based budgeting and the Public Policy Forum is willing to assist in furthering this initiative. The criminal justice system is fairly unique in the extent to which data and outcomes are captured. Outcomes-based budgeting presents an opportunity to marry the gains made under the evidence-based decisionmaking initiative with an ongoing focus on data-informed decisionmaking.

- The next step is to develop a method of measuring the criminal justice system's effectiveness. One important element is the ability to measure recidivism for individuals who go through the criminal justice system. The Committee engaged in a discussion on the complexity that comes with measuring recidivism. The goal is to develop several measurements for recidivism that are appropriate for different circumstances and present all of them on a regular basis in order to provide proper context. It is also important to take a longitudinal view of recidivism by examining how the various measures of it are changing over time.

#### IV. Coordinator Updates (*Nate Holton*)

- The CJC Executive Committee strategic planning will take place on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. All Executive Committee members are asked to reserve the day for this important meeting.
- With the expansion of health insurance that will be coming when the Affordable Care Act is fully implemented, many individuals who go through the criminal justice system will be newly eligible for health insurance that will cover AODA and mental health treatment. Some of the system's smaller nonprofit providers of these sorts of services are concerned with their ability to bill Medicaid for covered services due to the administrative cost involved with Medicaid billing. The CJC is working with BHD and others to assist providers in navigating the new insurance landscape to help ensure that important services can be rightly covered by insurance.
- The CJC has a new intern, Carmella DeLucia, who will be working on community outreach and subcommittee staffing.
- Justice Point received a \$25,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to study municipal court case outcomes. They are currently working on obtaining data.

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